

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Address to: <b>MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p><i>(Revised 04/2005)</i></p>	Application Number: 10/717,173
	Filing Date: November 18, 2003
	First Named Inventor: Adams
	Art Unit: 1771
	Examiner Name: A. Desai
	Confirmation No.: 5997
	Attorney Docket No.: <u>043197.271470</u>
<p><b>This is a <u>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p>	

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114** *Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).*
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a Final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the Final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (9 pages)
    - ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (   cites listed on Form PTO-1449)
    - iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☒ Other: Extension of Time (1 page)

**3. Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is **required** by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 in the amount of \$1940.00 for the RCE, extension, and suspension of action fees, and to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)  
(\$790 large entity; ~~\$395 small entity~~)

ii. ☒ Extension of Time fee under 37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17 (\$1020)

iii. ☒ Other: Request for Suspension of Action under 37 CFR §1.103(c) (\$130)

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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